

# 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TOWN OF SUPERIOR CHILI FEST

An International Chili Society Regional Cookoff  
Win a spot at the World's Championship Chili Cookoff  
ICS "Traditional" Red Chili, Chili Verde and Salsa.

The Cookoff will be held **Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm** at Community Park in Superior (just west of Flatiron Crossing Mall at Community Park Drive and Coalton Road). You must be an ICS member to compete in the ICS Traditional Chili Division, Chili Verde Division and Salsa Division. If you are not currently an ICS member, the Town will pay for your 2018 membership!

## Cash awards and prizes:

- **ICS Traditional (Red Chili) Division:** (ICS membership required)—\$400 for first place, \$200 for second place, and \$100 for third place. Winner is qualified for the World's Championship.
- **Chili Verde (Green Chili) Division:** (ICS membership required)—\$200 for first place, \$150 for second place, and \$100 for third place. Winner is qualified for the World's Championship.
- **Salsa Division:** (ICS membership required)—\$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place. Winner is qualified for the World's Championship.
- **Guacamole Division:** - \$75 for first place and prizes for second and third place.

Please note there will not be a separately judged People's Choice category.  
The Restaurant Competition will be People's Choice.

## Entry/Rules:

ICS requires all Cookoffs to meet the ten-contestant minimum rule to make a Division an "official qualifier" for the World's Championship. If any category has less than ten entries, awards will be given, but the winner will not be qualified to advance.

1. We follow the ICS rules for Traditional Red Chili, Chili Verde and Salsa. Please see the attached sheet for rules and regulations.
2. The entry fee is waived if you provide at least two gallons of chili and/or salsa to pass out to the public as samples. If you can bring more, we would love to see it! We will provide chili sampling spoons and cups for public tasting.
3. No electrical hook-ups are provided. Bring your own stove, chair, table, and tent-type covering. We will provide a sanitary sink area for washing all produce before it is cut. Other health department guidelines will be sent with your confirmation packet upon receipt of your entry form.
4. **Cooking times:** Drop off equipment by 9:00 am and set-up completed by 10:00 am. Prep for all Divisions begins at 10:00 am. Cooks meeting at 10:30 am. Cooking for Chili Verde starts at 11:00 am and Traditional ICS Red at 1:00 pm.
5. **Turn-in times:** Guacamole at 12:00 pm; Salsa at 1:00 pm; Chili Verde at 2:00 pm; and Traditional ICS at 4:00 pm.
6. **Winners will be announced at 6:15 pm.**

Send completed entry form to: Town of Superior, 127 E. Coal Creek Drive, Superior, CO 80027 Attn: Chili Cookoff.  
Call 303-499-3675 or email [katier@superiorcolorado.gov](mailto:katier@superiorcolorado.gov) for details.

Maps and additional details sent following receipt of your entry. **Send in all entries by September 5, 2018.**



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## 2018 Chili Fest – Official Entry Form

Deadline for entry is Tuesday, September 5, 2018  
(Late entries will be charged a \$10 late fee, so get your entry form in early.)

### Chili Cook Information

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Head Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

ICS member? No/Yes (Circle one) If yes, what is your ICS membership number? \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Check) T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_ Sm \_\_\_\_\_ Med \_\_\_\_\_ Lg \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Note: You must be an ICS member in order to participate in the ICS Traditional (Red Chili) division and the Chili Verde (Green Chili) division. If this is your first ICS event of the year, the Town of Superior will pay your ICS membership fee!*

Please check all divisions you will be entering:

	Fee*	Amount due
____ ICS Traditional (Red Chili) Division	\$25.00	\$ _____
____ Chili Verde (Green Chili) Division	\$20.00	\$ _____
____ Salsa Division	\$15.00	\$ _____
____ Guacamole Division	\$10.00	\$ _____
____ Late fee, if entering after Sept. 6	\$10.00	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

\*Entry fee is waived if you bring 2 gallons of “sampling chili”—any type—to pass out to the public for tasting.

☐ Check here if you plan to bring at least 2 gallons of sampling chili.

The entry fee includes a 10' x 10' booth space. Mail your check ASAP as space is limited. Make checks payable to the Town of Superior. If paying by Visa/MasterCard card (AMEX not accepted):

Full Name Printed on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

VISA/MC #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

### Liability release:

By signing this entry I/we (team members) duly, knowingly, and voluntarily release and agree to indemnify harmless the Town of Superior, sponsors, volunteers, chili cook-off organizers, ICS, and all others managing the day's event or the Chili Championship from any liability, injury, illness, and losses, whether or not foreseeable, which may occur as a direct or proximate result of my/our participation in the chili cookoff or any associated activities. I/we further agree to the use of our pictures taken at the event in the ICS newspaper, with sponsors, or with any media of the event's choice. I/we agree to abide by all rules of the cook-off. I/we agree to abide by all ICS rules and guidelines of the Town of Superior. I/we agree to conduct ourselves in a professional manner when it comes to the judging of our chili. I/we will not confront the judges who have donated their time to evaluate the chili presented at this event. I/we agree to have fun at this event and not be upset or complain if or if not the judges like my chili! If I have any constructive ideas about the event, I will talk to the chairman.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Official ICS Contestant Rules



## 1. GETTING STARTED

**Adult Cooks:** Must be active ICS members and at least 18 years old.

Cooks must register for their ICS memberships and sign-up for each cook-off through the ICS website, [chilicookoff.com](http://chilicookoff.com).

**Youth Cooks:** Must be active ICS members 6 to 17 years of age and must prepare their chili with adult supervision, but not adult participation.

Cooks (or parents/ supervisors of) must register for Youth ICS memberships and sign-up for each cook-off by contacting [youthcook@icschili.com](mailto:youthcook@icschili.com).

**Every adult and youth cook must be a member in good standing prior to the commencement of the cook-off.**

## PARTICIPATION

A contestant may compete in one or more cooking categories at each cook-off. If a contestant wins first place in a WCCC qualifying category, he/she may not compete in that category again during the same cooking season.

A cooking season runs from the day after the WCCC of the previous season to the day before the WCCC of the current season. *For example – If the WCCC is on October 1, 2050, the cooking season would begin the day after the 2049 WCCC to September 30, 2050.*

## ENTRY FEES & PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Entry fees for any adult or youth category are separately collected by and at the discretion of the cook-off. ICS is the sanctioning body for cook-offs, which are organized by individuals not directly affiliated with ICS (unless noted).

ICS Suggested Contestant Entry Fees:

**Adult:** \$35 Traditional Red / \$30 Homestyle / \$25 Chili Verde / \$25 Veggie / \$15 Salsa

**Youth:** \$20 Traditional Red / \$20 Homestyle

**People's Choice Chili (PC):** ICS requires PC per adult and youth contestant, not per category. The amount required will be determined by the individual cook-off. ICS recommends the requirement of 2 gallons with entry fee(s), OR 4 gallons without entry fee(s).

## 2. TYPES OF SANCTIONED COOK-OFFS

**WCCC QUALIFIER** - The event organizer must offer at least one ICS cooking category and meet the minimum cook requirements for that category (and each additional category if applicable). A minimum of 15 cooks per category are required for Traditional Red and Homestyle categories. A minimum of 7 cooks per category are required for Chili Verde, Veggie and Salsa categories. Any youth category must have a minimum of 5 youth cooks.

**Winners:** All will qualify for the WCCC.

**LOCAL COOK-OFF** - The event organizer must offer at least one ICS cooking category and meet the minimum cook requirements for that category (and each additional category if applicable). A minimum of 7 cooks per category are required for Traditional Red, Homestyle, Chili Verde, Veggie and Salsa categories. Any youth category must have a minimum of 5 youth cooks.

**Winners- Traditional Red and Homestyle:** Two Local Cook-off wins are needed to qualify for the WCCC. One Local Cook-off win will waive the winners' entry fee for the Last Chance cook-off in that category. If a Local Cook-off ends up with 15 or more cooks in Red and/or 15 or more cooks in Homestyle, the winner(s) will qualify for the WCCC of the current cooking season.

**Winners- Verde, Veggie and Salsa:** All will qualify for the WCCC.

### 3. COOKING CATEGORIES

#### CATEGORIES IN WHICH WINNERS ARE DETERMINED BY JUDGES

Traditional Red Chili is any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with red chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. Beans and pasta are not allowed. **This category is also offered for YOUTH cooks.**

Homestyle Chili is any kind of meat or combination of meats and/or vegetables cooked with beans, chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. Beans are required. **This category is also offered for YOUTH cooks.**

Chili Verde is any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with green chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. Beans and pasta are not allowed.

Veggie Chili is any kind of vegetable or combination of vegetables cooked with chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients. The use of meat and meat byproduct is not allowed.

Salsa is any combination of chili peppers, spices and other ingredients. It must be entirely homemade.

**Note: Garnishes must not be used for any category. Rule of thumb- if an ingredient found on the top layer of an entry bowl cannot also be found mixed throughout the entire bowl, it is a garnish and is not permitted. If a bowl is delivered for judging with a garnish, the bowl will be disqualified**

#### CATEGORIES IN WHICH WINNERS ARE DETERMINED BY THE PUBLIC

People's Choice Chili (PC) follows the same ingredient rules as Homestyle. The use of beans is required. PC is required by all adult and youth contestants. See #5 for rules and exceptions.

### 4. YOUTH COOKS

Youth cooks must prepare their chili with adult supervision, but not adult participation. There are two categories offered for youth cooks: Traditional Red and Homestyle [see above].

- A. Adult may help with knifework and prep, during prep ONLY.
- B. Adult assistance MUST STOP once the 3-hour cooking time starts. At that time adults are there to supervise only and assist with any safety concerns (i.e. moving heavy or hot items, etc.)
- C. Adults cannot taste the youth's chili, this is their time to shine and make their own cooking decisions. Youth cooks may have other youth ages 17 and under taste their chili.

### 5. COOK-OFF PREPARATION

- A. The hosting organization will provide an area for each contestant to cook, however each contestant is responsible for supplying all of their own cooking ingredients, supplies and utensils. Contestants will receive specific requirements from each individual cook-off organizer upon successful registration.
- B. The ICS strongly encourages preparedness with a fire extinguisher and washing station, as these may be required by local laws.

## 6. FOOD PREPARATION

### Traditional Red, Homestyle, Chili Verde, Veggie:

- A. No ingredient may be pre-cooked in any way prior to the commencement of the official cook-off. The only exceptions are canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, pepper sauce, beverages, broth and grinding and/or mixing of spices.
- B. Meat may be pre-cut or ground but MAY NOT be pre-cooked, treated, seasoned or marinated in any manner.
- C. All other ingredients must be prepared and/or chopped on-site during the preparation period.

### People's Choice, Salsa:

- A. Per ICS rules these categories may be prepared and cooked prior to the cook-off, however it is the responsibility of the cook to check with the cook-off organizer for each event as local laws may forbid advanced food preparation.
- B. The cook may also choose to prepare and cook these categories on-site during the preparation period.

## 7. PEOPLE'S CHOICE CHILI (PC)

Where an event allows [as is the case with most ICS events], event attendees may purchase tickets in order to taste chili prepared by the competing cooks – this chili is known as People's Choice chili (PC). Every ICS cook-off raises money for at least one charity or non-profit organization, partially due to the preparation and sales of PC.

- A. Every contestant (other than *salsa only* contestants) must prepare and serve People's Choice chili (PC), unless prohibited by the local law where the event takes place.
- B. Event organizers will decide the required quantity of PC per contestant. ICS suggests two (2) gallons when requiring an entry fee, or four (4) gallons without entry fee.
- C. If multiple cooks share one booth, each contestant must be prepared to show their own PC. The event organizer or Chief Judge has the right to disqualify any contestant who does not prepare the required quantity of PC. This is expected and supported by ICS.

## 8. IT'S TIME TO COOK!

- A. A representative of the cook-off will conduct a contestant's meeting no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the competition cooking period. At this meeting instructions will be given and questions answered.
- B. The cooking period for each category will depend on the number of categories offered at each event. The typical cooking period is 3 hours. The exact starting and ending of each cooking period will be announced by the hosting organization.
- C. Cooking during the entire cooking period is at the sole discretion of the contestant.
- D. For each category a contestant competes in, they must cook a minimum of 32 oz. to be submitted for judging.

## 9. DETERMINING THE WINNERS

### People's Choice:

The chili that receives the highest number of votes by the public will win. The manner of voting as well as prize structure will be determined by the event organizer.

### All other categories:

- A. Each cook will be assigned a contestant number and given one 32 oz. ICS competition cup per category prior to the start of the cooking period. (Smaller cups are permitted for salsa competitions.)

*Each cook will receive as many cups as categories they are competing in. For example- if competing in four categories a contestant will receive four cups. Each cup will have their contestant number marked on the bottom.*

- B. It is the contestant's responsibility to verify that the number on the bottom of their cup(s) is the same as their assigned contestant number.
- C. Each cook is responsible for delivering their cup(s) to the judging area at the end of each cooking period. Each cup must be filled to the bottom of the rim. Sharing or splitting chili for judging with another contestant will result in suspension of ICS membership for a minimum of one year.
- D. Cook-off judges will choose their top three, per category, using the judging criteria below. Place levels and prizes are determined by each cook-off, but ICS requires a minimum of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.